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Growers and vendors wanted!

The Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA) is looking for produce growers, retailers who buy from Delaware growers, and vendors who would like to sell directly to the public at the Delaware farmers' markets. Growers of fruits, vegetables, herbs, bedding plants, cut flowers, and/or hand made specialty products, are encouraged to apply. The market season usually runs from mid-April through the end of October. Actual dates and times vary from market to market. Vendors can be flexible with their availability. DDA and the individual markets will make every effort to accommodate vendors' schedules. The following markets will be open in the 2005 farmers' market season. Dates and times are proposed and will be finalized.

Lewes Terminal Green Market, Lewes

Wednesday – Saturdays, 9:30 AM – 4 PM, late June - August

Milford Farmers' Market, North Walnut St., Milford

Saturdays, 9 AM - 2 PM, June – October

Georgetown Farmers' Market, Georgetown

Planning underway. Dates and time to be announced.

Smyrna Rest Area Green Market, Smyrna

Late June – August Saturdays & Sundays 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Little Italy Neighborhood Association (LINA) Farmers' Market

7th & Bancroft Parkway, Wilmington Saturday morning 8 AM – 1:00 PM, late May - October

Wilmington Farmers' Market at Rodney Square, Wilmington

Wednesday, 10 AM to 2 PM, late May - September

Premcor Delaware City Farmers' Market, Rt. 72 Delaware City

Thursday, 3 PM – 6 PM – From May to October

If you need more information or an application, please contact the Delaware Department of Agriculture:

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